AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of storing audio/video data comprises:

capturing a plurality of audio/video data;

storing said audio/video data at a first spatial and/or temporal resolution for a first time period; and

storing said audio/video data at a second, lower, spatial and/or temporal resolution for at least a second, later, time period.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the first/second spatial resolution is a number of bits/pixels per frame of video data.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~either~~ claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which the first/second temporal resolution is a frame rate of video data or a bit rate.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, which includes removing first selected audio/video data from said audio/video data stored at said first spatial resolution and/or temporal resolution to achieve said second spatial and/or temporal resolution.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, in which said first selected audio/video data consists of frames of video data.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, which includes a step of storing said audio/video at a third, still lower, spatial and/or temporal resolution for at least a third, still later, time period.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 6, in which the step of storing said audio/video data at the third spatial and/or temporal resolution follows removing second selected audio/video data from said audio video data stored at said second spatial and/or temporal resolution to achieve said third spatial and/or temporal resolution.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~, in which said selected audio/video data are frames of audio/video data of a second specified type of frame.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, in which third or subsequent selected audio/video data is removed from said audio/video data of said second or subsequent spatial and/or temporal resolution.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the audio/video data is stored in an MPEG or MJPEG format.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10, in which said first selected audio/video data are preferably B-frames.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~either~~ claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~, in which said second selected audio/video data are P-frames.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed <u>claim 10</u> ~~in any one of claims 10 or 11~~, in which said third selected audio data is a plurality of I-frames of the audio/video data.

14. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the first time period is approximately 0.5 to 2 days in length.

15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the second time period is approximately 5 to 10 days in length.

16. (Original) A system for storing audio/video data comprises:

at least one audio/video data capture means;

audio/video data storage means; and

control means;

wherein the system is operable to capture audio/video data and store said audio/video data at a first spatial and/or temporal resolution for a first time period and is operable to store said audio/video data at a second, lower, spatial and/or temporal resolution for at least a second, later, time period.

17. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 16, in which the control means is operable to remove first selected audio/video data from said audio/video data stored at said first spatial and/or temporal resolution to achieve said second spatial and/or temporal resolution.

18. (Original) A computer programmed to perform the method of claim 1.

19. (Original) A computer program product operable to perform the method of claim 1.

20. (Original) A system for capturing audio/video data comprises audio/video data capture means, storage means and control means, wherein the system is operable to perform the method of claim 1.